

## Farm Service Agency, USDA

## § 764.204

(d) And in the case of an entity, one or more members constituting a majority interest, must have participated in the business operations of a farm for at least 3 years out of the 10 years prior to the date the application is submitted.

(e) And anyone who will sign the promissory note, must satisfy at least one of the following conditions:

(1) Meet the definition of a beginning farmer;

(2) Have not had a direct FO loan outstanding for more than a total of 10 years prior to the date the new FO loan is closed;

(3) Have never received a direct FO loan.

### § 764.153 Limitations.

The applicant must:

(a) Comply with the general limitations established at § 764.102;

(b) Have dwellings and other buildings necessary for the planned operation of the farm available for use after the loan is made.

### § 764.154 Rates and terms.

(a) *Rates.* (1) The interest rate is the Agency's Direct Farm Ownership rate, available in each Agency office.

(2) The limited resource Farm Ownership interest rate is available to applicants who are unable to develop a feasible plan at regular interest rates.

(3) If the FO loan is part of a joint financing arrangement and the amount of the Agency's loan does not exceed 50 percent of the total amount financed, the Agency will use the Farm Ownership participation rate, available in each Agency office.

(4) The interest rate charged will be the lower of the rate in effect at the time of loan approval or loan closing.

(b) *Terms.* The Agency schedules repayment of an FO loan based on the applicant's ability to repay and the useful life of the security. In no event will the term be more than 40 years from the date of the note.

### § 764.155 Security requirements.

An FO loan must be secured:

(a) In accordance with §§ 764.103 through 764.106;

(b) At a minimum, by the real estate being purchased or improved.

## §§ 764.156–764.200 [Reserved]

## Subpart E—Downpayment Loan Program

### § 764.201 Downpayment loan uses.

Downpayment loan funds may be used to partially finance the purchase of a family farm by an eligible beginning farmer or socially disadvantaged farmer.

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### § 764.202 Eligibility requirements.

The applicant must:

(a) Comply with the general eligibility requirements established at § 764.101 and the FO eligibility requirements of § 764.152; and

(b) Be a beginning farmer or socially disadvantaged farmer.

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### § 764.203 Limitations.

(a) The applicant must:

(1) Comply with the general limitations established at § 764.102; and

(2) Provide a minimum downpayment of 5 percent of the purchase price of the farm.

(b) Downpayment loans will not exceed 45 percent of the lesser of:

(1) The purchase price,

(2) The appraised value of the farm to be acquired, or

(3) \$500,000.

(c) Financing provided by the Agency and all other creditors must not exceed 95 percent of the purchase price. Financing provided by eligible lenders may be guaranteed by the Agency under part 762 of this chapter.

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### § 764.204 Rates and terms.

(a) *Rates.* The interest rate for Downpayment loans will be the regular direct FO rate minus 4 percent, but in no case less than 1.5 percent.

(b) *Terms.* (1) The Agency schedules repayment of Downpayment loans in equal, annual installments over a term not to exceed 20 years.